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Transmitted herewith is the patent application of () application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Thomas Markson, entitled VIRTUAL STORAGE LAYER APPROACH FOR DYNAMICALLY ASSOCIATING COMPUTER STORAGE WITH PROCESSING HOSTS for a(n):

() Original Patent Application.

(X) Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

() Continuation () Divisional (X) Continuation-in-part (CIP)
of prior application No: 09/502,170 Filed on: February 11, 2000

(X) This application claims priority from U.S. provisional application Ser. No. 60/212,936 filed 6/20/00 and Ser. No. 60/212,873 filed June 20, 2000

A statement to that effect has been added to the specification.

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- (X) Specification; 63 Total Pages (X) Drawing(s); 20 Total Sheets.
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	Title	VIRTUAL STORAGE LAYER APPROACH FOR DYNAMICALLY ASSOCIATING COMPUTER STORAGE WITH PROCESSING HOSTS
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